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Meng-Chi Liou et al
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Attorney Docket No. CPTP0002USA

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: **OFFICE OF PETITIONS**
: **DECISION ON REQUEST FOR REFUND**
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This is a decision on the Request For Refund filed July 9, 2010 and resubmitted on July 13, 2010.

The request is **GRANTED**.

Applicants filed the above request for refund of (\$500.00), the petition and certificate of correction fees charged on September 7, 2007 (accounting date). A request for transliteration error correction of the first inventor's name was submitted on May 3, 2007, prior to payment of the issue fee. An amendment after Notice of Allowance to substitute the title to the specification was submitted on June 12, 2007. A reminder of the above was submitted with the payment of the issue fee on June 13, 2007.

A review of Office records show that a filing receipt was mailed on June 20, 2007, to show the correction of the inventor's name. However, the application issued on July 24, 2007, without the desired change. A request for certificate of correction was filed on August 27, 2007, and granted on September 7, 2007.

Applicant now files the above request for refund, namely since the correction of the inventor's name was perfected prior to issuance. In view of the above, the total of \$500.00 is being refunded to petitioner's deposit account as requested.

A copy of a corrected filing receipt is attached for your convenience.

Any questions concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3208.

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The country code and number of your priority application, to be used for filing abroad under the Paris Convention, is **US 10/710,887**

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Title

MULTI-DOMAIN VERTICAL ALIGNMENT LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY PANEL COMPRISING
ALTERNATING AND PARALLEL SLITS AND PROTRUSIONS

Preliminary Class

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